

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE - MAY 2026

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U.S. (000 - not seasonally adjusted)	169,801	162,897	6,904	4.1	169,548	162,781	6,768	4.0	170,216	163,401	6,815	4.0
MISSOURI (not seasonally adjusted)	3,167,232	3,058,317	108,915	3.4	3,178,443	3,068,954	109,489	3.4	3,166,524	3,041,501	125,023	3.9
<u>METROPOLITAN AREAS</u>												
CAPE GIRARDEAU MSA	50,098	48,426	1,672	3.3	50,198	48,612	1,586	3.2	50,130	48,240	1,890	3.8
CAPE GIRARDEAU MSA (MO PT)	48,488	46,914	1,574	3.2	48,590	47,098	1,492	3.1	48,501	46,710	1,791	3.7
Bollinger	4,975	4,814	161	3.2	5,034	4,881	153	3.0	4,976	4,776	200	4.0
Cape Girardeau	43,513	42,100	1,413	3.2	43,556	42,217	1,339	3.1	43,525	41,934	1,591	3.7
COLUMBIA MSA	116,742	113,143	3,599	3.1	117,272	113,801	3,471	3.0	116,048	112,007	4,041	3.5
Boone	104,163	100,982	3,181	3.1	104,413	101,340	3,073	2.9	103,619	100,051	3,568	3.4
Cooper	7,835	7,581	254	3.2	8,026	7,773	253	3.2	7,737	7,451	286	3.7
Howard	4,744	4,580	164	3.5	4,833	4,688	145	3.0	4,692	4,505	187	4.0
JEFFERSON CITY MSA	77,426	75,206	2,220	2.9	78,160	75,989	2,171	2.8	76,995	74,435	2,560	3.3
Callaway	22,048	21,392	656	3.0	22,310	21,653	657	2.9	21,907	21,155	752	3.4
Cole	40,658	39,495	1,163	2.9	40,809	39,677	1,132	2.8	40,512	39,179	1,333	3.3
Moniteau	7,428	7,215	213	2.9	7,589	7,383	206	2.7	7,353	7,106	247	3.4
Osage	7,292	7,104	188	2.6	7,452	7,276	176	2.4	7,223	6,995	228	3.2
JOPLIN MSA	99,448	96,029	3,419	3.4	100,045	96,718	3,327	3.3	98,712	94,847	3,865	3.9
Jasper	61,927	59,843	2,084	3.4	62,161	60,101	2,060	3.3	61,423	59,059	2,364	3.8
Newton	28,221	27,255	966	3.4	28,556	27,604	952	3.3	27,938	26,823	1,115	4.0
KANSAS CITY MSA	1,216,251	1,174,072	42,179	3.5	1,219,506	1,178,842	40,664	3.3	1,223,187	1,177,216	45,971	3.8
KANSAS CITY MSA (MO PT)	709,653	686,321	23,332	3.3	709,334	685,771	23,563	3.3	709,052	681,669	27,383	3.9
Bates	7,585	7,312	273	3.6	7,836	7,569	267	3.4	7,456	7,166	290	3.9
Caldwell	4,198	4,064	134	3.2	4,283	4,154	129	3.0	4,168	4,002	166	4.0
Cass	60,881	59,049	1,832	3.0	61,166	59,308	1,858	3.0	60,701	58,542	2,159	3.6
Clay	146,185	141,845	4,340	3.0	145,882	141,465	4,417	3.0	146,040	140,958	5,082	3.5
Clinton	10,659	10,320	339	3.2	10,736	10,394	342	3.2	10,613	10,218	395	3.7
Jackson	388,213	374,556	13,657	3.5	387,420	373,609	13,811	3.6	388,318	372,273	16,045	4.1
Lafayette	17,252	16,689	563	3.3	17,372	16,830	542	3.1	17,174	16,520	654	3.8
Platte	63,061	61,228	1,833	2.9	62,950	61,121	1,829	2.9	63,003	60,834	2,169	3.4
Ray	11,619	11,258	361	3.1	11,689	11,321	368	3.1	11,579	11,156	423	3.7
ST. JOSEPH MSA	54,765	52,818	1,947	3.6	55,178	53,239	1,939	3.5	54,749	52,498	2,251	4.1
ST. JOSEPH MSA (MO PT)	50,991	49,187	1,804	3.5	51,423	49,602	1,821	3.5	50,958	48,849	2,109	4.1
Andrew	8,787	8,517	270	3.1	8,902	8,632	270	3.0	8,764	8,440	324	3.7
Buchanan	38,428	37,020	1,408	3.7	38,612	37,192	1,420	3.7	38,446	36,821	1,625	4.2
Dekalb	3,776	3,650	126	3.3	3,909	3,778	131	3.4	3,748	3,588	160	4.3
ST. LOUIS MSA	1,479,098	1,425,986	53,112	3.6	1,478,710	1,425,456	53,254	3.6	1,487,133	1,430,220	56,913	3.8
ST. LOUIS MSA (MO PT)	1,153,950	1,113,743	40,207	3.5	1,152,911	1,112,084	40,827	3.5	1,158,169	1,112,795	45,374	3.9
Franklin	53,866	52,132	1,734	3.2	53,976	52,212	1,764	3.3	54,016	52,028	1,988	3.7
Jefferson	124,462	120,510	3,952	3.2	124,325	120,283	4,042	3.3	125,048	120,422	4,626	3.7
Lincoln	33,476	32,384	1,092	3.3	33,542	32,425	1,117	3.3	33,561	32,320	1,241	3.7
St. Charles	239,689	232,481	7,208	3.0	239,314	232,087	7,227	3.0	240,571	232,283	8,288	3.4
St. Louis Co.	526,997	507,633	19,364	3.7	526,334	506,737	19,597	3.7	528,691	507,274	21,417	4.1
Warren	19,806	19,160	646	3.3	19,809	19,167	642	3.2	19,826	19,127	699	3.5
St. Louis City	155,654	149,443	6,211	4.0	155,611	149,173	6,438	4.1	156,456	149,341	7,115	4.5

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SPRINGFIELD MSA	247,340	239,099	8,241	3.3	248,552	240,352	8,200	3.3	245,736	236,323	9,413	3.8
Christian	48,309	46,844	1,465	3.0	48,508	47,056	1,452	3.0	48,018	46,320	1,698	3.5
Dallas	7,152	6,860	292	4.1	7,264	6,971	293	4.0	7,108	6,753	355	5.0
Greene	158,655	153,356	5,299	3.3	158,960	153,675	5,285	3.3	157,739	151,728	6,011	3.8
Polk	14,935	14,388	547	3.7	15,281	14,748	533	3.5	14,759	14,118	641	4.3
Webster	18,289	17,651	638	3.5	18,539	17,902	637	3.4	18,112	17,404	708	3.9
<u>MICROPOLITAN AREAS</u>												
BRANSON (Taney Co.)	27,467	26,313	1,154	4.2	27,017	25,804	1,213	4.5	27,353	26,051	1,302	4.8
FARMINGTON (St. Francois Co.)	28,222	27,111	1,111	3.9	28,303	27,172	1,131	4.0	28,531	27,243	1,288	4.5
FT. LEONARD WOOD (Pulaski Co.)	19,120	18,392	728	3.8	19,204	18,519	685	3.6	19,437	18,630	807	4.2
HANNIBAL	18,183	17,559	624	3.4	18,366	17,761	605	3.3	18,319	17,580	739	4.0
Marion	12,993	12,536	457	3.5	13,055	12,613	442	3.4	13,151	12,602	549	4.2
Ralls	5,190	5,023	167	3.2	5,311	5,148	163	3.1	5,168	4,978	190	3.7
KENNETT (Dunklin Co.)	11,716	11,131	585	5.0	12,091	11,484	607	5.0	11,717	11,113	604	5.2
KIRKSVILLE	13,330	12,779	551	4.1	13,555	13,058	497	3.7	13,120	12,519	601	4.6
Adair	10,750	10,272	478	4.4	10,945	10,517	428	3.9	10,845	10,325	520	4.8
Schuyler	2,580	2,507	73	2.8	2,610	2,541	69	2.6	2,275	2,194	81	3.6
LEBANON (Laclede Co.)	16,051	15,334	717	4.5	16,209	15,528	681	4.2	16,030	15,289	741	4.6
MARSHALL (Saline Co.)	11,755	11,388	367	3.1	12,195	11,828	367	3.0	11,672	11,252	420	3.6
MARYVILLE (Nodaway Co.)	11,802	11,463	339	2.9	12,437	12,144	293	2.4	11,754	11,347	407	3.5
MEXICO (Audrain Co.)	10,232	9,871	361	3.5	10,461	10,098	363	3.5	10,403	9,972	431	4.1
MOBERLY (Randolph Co.)	11,110	10,755	355	3.2	11,239	10,878	361	3.2	11,073	10,649	424	3.8
POPLAR BLUFF (Butler Co.)	16,893	16,165	728	4.3	17,026	16,271	755	4.4	17,297	16,418	879	5.1
ROLLA (Phelps Co.)	21,268	20,541	727	3.4	21,334	20,610	724	3.4	21,072	20,249	823	3.9
SEDALIA (Pettis Co.)	20,877	20,105	772	3.7	21,311	20,569	742	3.5	20,489	19,661	828	4.0
SIKESTON	22,961	22,095	866	3.8	23,255	22,400	855	3.7	22,894	21,884	1,010	4.4
Mississippi	3,922	3,720	202	5.2	4,102	3,892	210	5.1	3,881	3,649	232	6.0
Scott	19,039	18,375	664	3.5	19,153	18,508	645	3.4	19,013	18,235	778	4.1
WARRENSBURG (Johnson Co.)	25,980	25,070	910	3.5	26,197	25,331	866	3.3	26,043	25,004	1,039	4.0
WEST PLAINS (Howell Co.)	16,475	15,797	678	4.1	16,629	15,972	657	4.0	16,500	15,724	776	4.7
QUINCY IL-MO (MO PT - Lewis Co.)	4,279	4,107	172	4.0	4,314	4,144	170	3.9	4,272	4,082	190	4.4
<u>COMBINED STATISTICAL AREAS (CSAs)</u>												
Cape Girardeau-Sikeston CSA ¹	73,059	70,521	2,538	3.5	73,453	71,012	2,441	3.3	73,024	70,124	2,900	4.0
Columbia-Moberly-Mexico CSA ²	215,510	208,975	6,535	3.0	217,132	210,766	6,366	2.9	214,519	207,063	7,456	3.5
Joplin-Miami CSA ³	113,503	109,421	4,082	3.6	113,742	109,851	3,891	3.4	112,916	108,528	4,388	3.9
Kansas City-Overland Park-KC KS CSA ⁴	1,390,553	1,342,161	48,392	3.5	1,395,888	1,349,496	46,392	3.3	1,398,240	1,345,840	52,400	3.7
St. Louis-St. Charles-Farmington CSA ⁵	1,523,081	1,468,127	54,954	3.6	1,522,800	1,467,712	55,088	3.6	1,531,752	1,472,924	58,828	3.8
<u>SINGLE COUNTY LMAs</u>												
Atchison	2,827	2,759	68	2.4	2,971	2,897	74	2.5	2,731	2,647	84	3.1
Barry	14,235	13,682	553	3.9	14,596	14,045	551	3.8	14,332	13,707	625	4.4
Barton	5,491	5,313	178	3.2	5,707	5,528	179	3.1	5,394	5,152	242	4.5
Benton	7,634	7,295	339	4.4	7,721	7,385	336	4.4	7,610	7,200	410	5.4
Camden	21,064	20,325	739	3.5	20,166	19,371	795	3.9	21,158	20,287	871	4.1
Carroll	4,023	3,873	150	3.7	4,174	4,021	153	3.7	3,954	3,788	166	4.2
Carter	2,220	2,135	85	3.8	2,255	2,167	88	3.9	2,237	2,137	100	4.5
Cedar	5,700	5,493	207	3.6	5,788	5,582	206	3.6	5,495	5,250	245	4.5
Chariton	3,326	3,225	101	3.0	3,453	3,351	102	3.0	3,288	3,164	124	3.8
Clark	2,942	2,843	99	3.4	3,024	2,921	103	3.4	2,958	2,816	142	4.8

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Crawford	9,861	9,486	375	3.8	9,905	9,521	384	3.9	9,925	9,486	439	4.4
Dade	3,331	3,211	120	3.6	3,454	3,342	112	3.2	3,274	3,142	132	4.0
Daviess	4,134	4,019	115	2.8	4,254	4,137	117	2.8	4,070	3,941	129	3.2
Dent	6,411	6,198	213	3.3	6,498	6,281	217	3.3	6,468	6,219	249	3.8
Douglas	4,880	4,692	188	3.9	5,052	4,844	208	4.1	4,988	4,770	218	4.4
Gasconade	7,205	6,987	218	3.0	7,283	7,068	215	3.0	7,209	6,944	265	3.7
Gentry	2,871	2,791	80	2.8	3,023	2,946	77	2.5	2,910	2,800	110	3.8
Grundy	4,001	3,854	147	3.7	4,153	3,991	162	3.9	4,063	3,885	178	4.4
Harrison	3,699	3,565	134	3.6	3,812	3,690	122	3.2	3,685	3,535	150	4.1
Henry	10,797	10,441	356	3.3	10,918	10,569	349	3.2	10,814	10,398	416	3.8
Hickory	2,962	2,814	148	5.0	2,940	2,792	148	5.0	2,903	2,713	190	6.5
Holt	1,967	1,907	60	3.1	2,044	1,979	65	3.2	1,956	1,883	73	3.7
Iron	3,896	3,738	158	4.1	3,946	3,791	155	3.9	3,949	3,754	195	4.9
Knox	1,463	1,403	60	4.1	1,566	1,511	55	3.5	1,472	1,406	66	4.5
Lawrence	17,617	17,013	604	3.4	17,933	17,327	606	3.4	17,295	16,593	702	4.1
Linn	6,103	5,926	177	2.9	6,228	6,040	188	3.0	6,097	5,865	232	3.8
Livingston	6,480	6,292	188	2.9	6,580	6,398	182	2.8	6,510	6,274	236	3.6
Macon	6,398	6,169	229	3.6	6,508	6,279	229	3.5	6,412	6,138	274	4.3
Madison	5,388	5,178	210	3.9	5,441	5,221	220	4.0	5,380	5,133	247	4.6
Maries	4,039	3,916	123	3.0	4,120	3,996	124	3.0	3,971	3,826	145	3.7
McDonald	9,078	8,715	363	4.0	9,182	8,824	358	3.9	8,846	8,405	441	5.0
Mercer	1,530	1,481	49	3.2	1,659	1,609	50	3.0	1,462	1,406	56	3.8
Miller	12,885	12,491	394	3.1	12,715	12,309	406	3.2	12,962	12,512	450	3.5
Monroe	3,964	3,832	132	3.3	4,066	3,937	129	3.2	3,906	3,749	157	4.0
Montgomery	5,826	5,654	172	3.0	6,015	5,843	172	2.9	5,773	5,571	202	3.5
Morgan	8,960	8,594	366	4.1	9,022	8,649	373	4.1	8,799	8,381	418	4.8
New Madrid	7,291	6,979	312	4.3	7,419	7,102	317	4.3	7,525	7,160	365	4.9
Oregon	3,557	3,428	129	3.6	3,667	3,538	129	3.5	3,491	3,326	165	4.7
Ozark	3,360	3,188	172	5.1	3,407	3,244	163	4.8	3,288	3,099	189	5.7
Pemiscot	5,584	5,280	304	5.4	5,771	5,461	310	5.4	5,655	5,327	328	5.8
Perry	9,796	9,534	262	2.7	10,012	9,742	270	2.7	9,791	9,471	320	3.3
Pike	6,794	6,531	263	3.9	6,945	6,678	267	3.8	6,824	6,527	297	4.4
Putnam	2,033	1,975	58	2.9	2,117	2,060	57	2.7	2,036	1,950	86	4.2
Reynolds	2,483	2,381	102	4.1	2,492	2,390	102	4.1	2,472	2,359	113	4.6
Ripley	4,685	4,508	177	3.8	4,740	4,558	182	3.8	4,682	4,472	210	4.5
St. Clair	4,170	4,020	150	3.6	4,317	4,159	158	3.7	4,065	3,889	176	4.3
Ste. Genevieve	9,806	9,535	271	2.8	9,831	9,554	277	2.8	9,942	9,608	334	3.4
Scotland	2,311	2,243	68	2.9	2,416	2,352	64	2.6	2,292	2,206	86	3.8
Shannon	2,950	2,814	136	4.6	2,976	2,825	151	5.1	2,960	2,803	157	5.3
Shelby	3,067	2,983	84	2.7	3,146	3,070	76	2.4	3,042	2,939	103	3.4
Stoddard	12,655	12,195	460	3.6	13,006	12,543	463	3.6	12,637	12,071	566	4.5
Stone	14,484	13,887	597	4.1	14,231	13,605	626	4.4	14,407	13,726	681	4.7
Sullivan	2,609	2,511	98	3.8	2,740	2,628	112	4.1	2,579	2,489	90	3.5
Texas	9,984	9,601	383	3.8	10,219	9,827	392	3.8	9,992	9,556	436	4.4
Vernon	9,484	9,175	309	3.3	9,827	9,517	310	3.2	9,475	9,097	378	4.0
Washington	9,739	9,362	377	3.9	9,891	9,504	387	3.9	9,751	9,289	462	4.7
Wayne	3,875	3,695	180	4.6	3,913	3,727	186	4.8	3,910	3,694	216	5.5
Worth	1,034	1,006	28	2.7	1,111	1,082	29	2.6	984	950	34	3.5
Wright	7,816	7,487	329	4.2	7,978	7,660	318	4.0	7,677	7,278	399	5.2

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Arnold	11,409	11,035	374	3.3	11,371	11,014	357	3.1	11,460	11,027	433	3.8
Ballwin	16,987	16,453	534	3.1	16,976	16,424	552	3.3	17,035	16,442	593	3.5
Belton	14,264	13,831	433	3.0	14,330	13,892	438	3.1	14,211	13,712	499	3.5
Blue Springs	32,775	31,760	1,015	3.1	32,691	31,680	1,011	3.1	32,828	31,567	1,261	3.8
Cape Girardeau	21,119	20,349	770	3.6	21,115	20,406	709	3.4	21,157	20,269	888	4.2
Chesterfield	25,844	25,017	827	3.2	25,811	24,973	838	3.2	25,933	24,999	934	3.6
Columbia	70,758	68,462	2,296	3.2	70,885	68,705	2,180	3.1	70,380	67,831	2,549	3.6
Ferguson	8,956	8,504	452	5.0	8,960	8,489	471	5.3	8,943	8,498	445	5.0
Florissant	29,145	27,894	1,251	4.3	29,121	27,845	1,276	4.4	29,112	27,874	1,238	4.3
Gladstone	14,569	14,084	485	3.3	14,558	14,046	512	3.5	14,594	13,995	599	4.1
Grandview	14,066	13,585	481	3.4	13,982	13,550	432	3.1	14,142	13,502	640	4.5
Hazelwood	13,550	12,932	618	4.6	13,556	12,909	647	4.8	13,519	12,923	596	4.4
Independence	60,426	58,194	2,232	3.7	60,293	58,047	2,246	3.7	60,572	57,839	2,733	4.5
Jefferson City	22,178	21,478	700	3.2	22,231	21,577	654	2.9	22,075	21,306	769	3.5
Joplin	26,257	25,316	941	3.6	26,412	25,454	958	3.6	26,048	24,975	1,073	4.1
Kansas City	285,415	275,521	9,894	3.5	284,921	274,836	10,085	3.5	285,085	273,817	11,268	4.0
Kirkwood	14,883	14,391	492	3.3	14,866	14,366	500	3.4	14,928	14,381	547	3.7
Lee's Summit	58,312	56,570	1,742	3.0	58,181	56,438	1,743	3.0	58,190	56,222	1,968	3.4
Liberty	16,225	15,728	497	3.1	16,175	15,686	489	3.0	16,199	15,630	569	3.5
Maryland Heights	16,697	16,190	507	3.0	16,655	16,161	494	3.0	16,770	16,178	592	3.5
Nixa	13,210	12,802	408	3.1	13,245	12,860	385	2.9	13,131	12,659	472	3.6
O'Fallon	55,786	54,229	1,557	2.8	55,716	54,137	1,579	2.8	55,978	54,183	1,795	3.2
Ozark	11,515	11,160	355	3.1	11,569	11,210	359	3.1	11,435	11,035	400	3.5
Raymore	13,821	13,410	411	3.0	13,892	13,468	424	3.1	13,814	13,294	520	3.8
Raytown	16,033	15,469	564	3.5	16,008	15,430	578	3.6	16,088	15,374	714	4.4
Rolla	9,037	8,692	345	3.8	9,078	8,721	357	3.9	8,965	8,568	397	4.4
St. Charles	40,839	39,493	1,346	3.3	40,749	39,426	1,323	3.2	40,997	39,459	1,538	3.8
St. Joseph	32,341	31,105	1,236	3.8	32,504	31,249	1,255	3.9	32,332	30,938	1,394	4.3
St. Peters	34,881	33,747	1,134	3.3	34,798	33,689	1,109	3.2	34,964	33,718	1,246	3.6
Sedalia	10,667	10,255	412	3.9	10,910	10,492	418	3.8	10,482	10,029	453	4.3
Springfield	88,161	85,026	3,135	3.6	88,266	85,202	3,064	3.5	87,726	84,123	3,603	4.1
University City	20,323	19,614	709	3.5	20,291	19,580	711	3.5	20,338	19,600	738	3.6
Warrensburg	10,014	9,631	383	3.8	10,056	9,731	325	3.2	10,019	9,605	414	4.1
Webster Groves	12,576	12,188	388	3.1	12,547	12,167	380	3.0	12,627	12,179	448	3.5
Wentzville	26,209	25,460	749	2.9	26,150	25,417	733	2.8	26,292	25,439	853	3.2
Wildwood	18,889	18,339	550	2.9	18,825	18,307	518	2.8	18,959	18,326	633	3.3

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2 The Columbia-Moberly-Mexico CSA consists of the Columbia MSA plus the Moberly and Mexico MicroPolitan Areas

3 The Joplin-Miami CSA consists of the Joplin MSA plus the Miami OK MicroPolitan Area

4 The Kansas City-Overland Park-Kansas City CSA consists of the Kansas City MSA plus the St. Joseph (MO) and Lawrence (KS) MSAs plus the Warrensburg (MO), Atison (KS) and Ottawa (KS) MicroPolitan Areas

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